

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 42, 46 and 51 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lathrop (US Patent No. 5,563,655). Furthermore, claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 43, 44, 45, and 47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lathrop in view of Lourette (US Patent No. 5,978,016). These rejections are rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims.

Claims 7, 8, 9, 48, 49, 50 and 52 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lathrop in view of Lourette as applied to claim 1 above and further in view of Petruchik (US Patent No. 5,619,738). With regard to claims 7, 8, 9, 48, 49 and 50, the rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims. With regard to claim 52, it is respectfully submitted that this claim is patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth above.

Applicants' invention, as recited by claim 52, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

... a display unit for displaying an image derived from said picture information;

a control information processor for signaling to said memory how said image derived from said picture information is to be rotated during imaging of said image when said memory is separated from said camera. . .

Thus, the digital camera includes a display unit which displays an image. The image is derived from picture information. That same picture information is used when the memory is separated from the camera for further imaging. Furthermore, the further

imaging from the picture information which occurs when the memory is separated from the camera results in a rotated image.

This feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record. Neither Lathrop nor Lourette disclose Applicants' claimed feature of image rotation. While Petruchik does disclose image rotation, the image rotation in Petruchik is limited to Petruchik's display. This is made clear by the fact that Petruchik also includes film. Thus, the data or signaling which is used to show a rotated image in the camera's display is unrelated to the image which is generated when, for example, the film is removed from the camera and developed. By contrast, in Applicants' invention, picture information is used to generate the rotated display image as well as the rotated image which is generated when the memory is separated from the camera. This feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by Petruchik. Thus, claim 52 is patentable over the art of record.

Newly added claim 53 is patentable by virtue of its dependency on allowable claim 52.

The above feature is set forth in the originally filed application at page 21, lines 19-25, page 22, lines 8-21, and page 25, lines 8-10.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 54 and 55 are newly added. Both of these claims recite the feature of "rotation" which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record. Accordingly, claims 54 and 55 are both patentable over the art of record.

Claims 56-64 are also newly added. These claims are allowable by virtue of their dependency on allowable independent claims.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADECLAIMS:

1 52. (Amended) A digital camera comprising:

2 a memory which is separatable from said digital camera;

3 a picture capturing unit for capturing picture information corresponding to an

4 image and for storing said picture information in said memory;

5 a display unit for displaying an image derived from said picture information;

6 a rotation unit for rotating said picture information and for storing rotation

7 control information of said picture information in said memory;

8 a control information processor for signaling to said memory how said image

9 derived from said picture information is to be rotated during imaging of said image

10 when storing in said memory a print control information for indicating how said

11 picture information is to be printed, said print control information being selected

12 after said picture information is captured, said print control information remaining in

13 said memory after said memory is separated from said camera, and said picture

14 information being printed based on said print control information and said rotation

15 control information while said memory is separated from said camera, said signaling

16 initiated after said picture information is captured.

Claims 1-9 and 42-51 have been cancelled.

Claims 53-64 are newly added.